

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening that is hermetically sealed by a sealing element which is a brittle-fracture material which consists of glass, glass ceramic, or ceramic, ~~metal, a metal alloy or a metal composite~~, said brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and said sealing material being permanently bonded together by a pressure weld.

31. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening is glass, glass ceramic or ceramic.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material has a plate, spherical, conical or cylindrical shape.

34. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening is a glass plate, and wherein the at least one opening has the shape of a through-going cylindrical opening or through-going conical opening.

35. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by welding by movement.

36. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and/or the sealing material is at least partially coated on a surface other than that bonding the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material.

37. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material consists of glass, glass ceramic or ceramic.

38. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by a pressure weld which is an ultrasound weld, high-frequency weld, rotary weld, friction weld, torsional or orbital weld, cold pressure weld or abrasive weld.

39. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and/or the sealing material is at least partially metal- and/or plastic-coated on a surface other than that bonding the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material.

40. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material have substantially the same coefficients of thermal expansion.

41. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are made of the same material.

42. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening has only one opening.

43. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening has only two openings.

44. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material is solid at the time it is permanently bonded together with the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening by a pressure weld.

45. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the sealing material is homogeneous in composition.

46. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the pressure weld contains material only from the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and/or the sealing material.

47. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the at least one opening is to a cavity.

48. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 47, wherein the cavity is filled with a gas or liquid.

49. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 47, wherein the sealing material consists of glass, glass ceramic or ceramic.

50. (Previously Presented) A molded element according to claim 30, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are bonded by a pressure weld which is a diffusion weld.

51. (Previously Presented) A molded element that comprises brittle-fracture material with at least one opening that is closed only with sealing material which is hermetically sealed to the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening, wherein the brittle-fracture material with at least one opening and the sealing material are permanently bonded together by a pressure weld, and wherein the sealing material consists of a brittle-fracture material.

52. (Cancelled)

53. (Withdrawn) A laminated glass system comprising a molded element according to claim 34.

54. (Withdrawn) A laminated glass system according to claim 53, wherein the laminated glass system has electrochromic properties.

55. (Withdrawn) An electrochromic glazing comprising a molded element according to claim 30.

56. (Withdrawn) A mirror comprising a molded element according to claim 30.